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SUBJECT: ISRAELI/PLO PARTICIPATION IN UN MEETINGS

1. MFA OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (KIDRON) HAS GIVEN US FOLLOWING ACCOUNT OF ISRAELI POSITION ON PARTICIPATION IN UN MEETINGS ATTENDED BY PLO REPRESENTATIVES. ISRAEL OPPOSES THE PARTICIPATION OF PLO REPRESENTATIVES IN OBSERVER OR ANY OTHER STATUS AT MEETINGS OF UN BODIES. HOWEVER, ISRAEL IN GENERAL ATTENDS SUCH MEETINGS AND DOES NOT ALLOW ITSELF TO BE FORCED OUT OF THEM DUE TO PLO PRESENCE. IN CASES WHERE PLO TURNS UP AUTOMATICALLY AT A CONFERENCE AS RESULT OF UNGA RESOLUTION, ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE AT FIRST OPPORTUNITY EXPRESSES RESERVATION. MOREOVER, ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE DOES NOT REPLY DIRECTLY TO ANYTHING SAID BY PLO. SINCE ARAB STATES OFTEN MAKE SAME POINTS AS PLO REPRESENTATIVES, IN PRACTICE THIS PROVISOR DOES NOT HAVE MUCH SIGNIFICANCE.

2. KIDRON EMPHASIZED THAT, IN ADDITION TO THESE GENERAL
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POLICY CONSIDERATIONS, THE QUESTION OF ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN ANY PARTICULAR SESSION OR CONFERENCE IS TAKEN UP

FOR CONSIDERATION IN CONSULTATION BETWEEN MFA AND PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE. REFERRING TO ISRAELI DECISION TO BOYCOTT JANUARY 12 UNSC DEBATE, KIDRON SAID THAT THIS DECISION WAS TAKEN BY PRIME MINISTER RABIN HIMSELF ON DECEMBER 1. ALLON WAS OUT OF THE COUNTRY AT THE TIME AND KIDRON IN LATE-NIGHT PHONE CONVERSATION WITH RABIN HAD PRESENTED MFA CASE FOR ISRAELI PARTICIPATION IN DEBATE. HIS ARGUMENTATION, HE SAID, HAD EMPHASIZED DESIRABILITY FOR ISRAEL TO PRESENT ITS CASE TO SECURITY COUNCIL, BUT HE WAS OVERRULED BY PRIME MINISTER. THIS WAS NOT TO BE REGARDED, HOWEVER, AS A PRECEDENT FOR THE FUTURE. WERE THERE TO BE ANOTHER SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE WITH PLO OBSERVERS PRESENT, THE QUESTION OF PARTICIPATION WOULD AGAIN BE EXAMINED ON ITS MERITS.

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